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DR. ANDREA KIDD TAYLOR, U.S. CHEMICAL SAFETY BOARD, SPEAKS ON NORTH CAROLINA PLANT EXPLOSION

- WHO:** Andrea Kidd Taylor, DrPH
- WHAT:** Dr. Andrea Kidd Taylor of the U.S. Chemical Safety Board will be available for interviewing this evening from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m at the Kinston, N.C., site of Wednesday's plant explosion. Dr. Taylor is an industrial hygienist and public health specialist and will speak about the steps investigators are taking to uncover the root causes of Wednesday's accident.
- WHEN:** Thursday, January 30 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** White Media Tent, north side of the plant
West Pharmaceutical Services, Kinston, North Carolina
- WHY:** Experts from the U.S. Chemical Safety Board in Washington, DC, have been investigating the scene of the N.C. accident since midmorning Thursday and have now interviewed a number of plant workers, managers, and other eyewitnesses and victims. Dr. Andrea Taylor will be available to answer questions, provide insight to the circumstances surrounding the accident, and pending actions to determine the possible root causes.
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Background: Headquartered in Washington, DC, the CSB is the independent federal agency that determines root causes of chemical accidents and reports to the public. Authorized under Section 112(r) of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, the Board is headed by five Presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed members, who are technical experts in chemical safety. The CSB does not issue fines or citations. The Board makes safety recommendations to prevent future accidents directed to industry, labor, and professional associations as well as EPA, OSHA, and other federal bodies. Further information about the CSB is available from www.csb.gov.

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